

Gonzalez Statement on House Floor Honoring the Victims of the Shooting in Arizona

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX - 20) made the following statement on the House Floor today in support of a resolution honoring the victims of the tragic shooting that took place on January 8, 2011 in Tucson, Arizona:

“I’m from San Antonio and in my hometown, about a year ago, a convenience store owner was murdered by a robber. The brother of the slain owner observed that both his brother and the murderer both got up that same morning and made conscience choices. His brother chose to go to work to support his family, to do a right and a good thing. The murderer made a choice to rob and kill - an evil and destructive thing.

“On January the 8th, 2011, in Tucson, many people got up that morning and made a choice to do the right and good thing. Only one person got up that morning and decided to do an evil and destructive thing. We cannot and will not allow the cruelty of one person to overshadow the goodness that each of his victims represents.

“We, in this Chamber are not helpless. We offer our prayers for those who died and for a speedy recovery for those who survived. And to Gabby, I know we all join in saying ‘Hurry back, this House needs you. We love you.’

“But we can do more. We can set an example that creates a fertile environment for constructive discourse that extends beyond the confines of this Capitol. And despite the heartache and the tragedy of last Saturday, find solace and inspiration that in our nation, the United States of America, the goodness of the many will always triumph over the evil of the few.”

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